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EL SALVADOR: GUERRILLA LEADER KILLED, COMMUNIQUE ON CLASH ISSUED

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((TEXT)) SAN SALVADOR, 3Ø APR (AFP)--AN ALLEGED MEMBER OF THE GENERAL COMMAND OF THE PEOPLES LIBERATION FORCES, ARMED BRANCH OF THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY BLOC, IDENTIFIED AS TOMAS ROBERTO GARCIA, WHOSE NOM DE GUERRE WAS FELICIANO, WAS KILLED TODAY ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER AND A BROTHER DURING A CLASH WITH THE ARMED FORCES, THE ARMY ANNOUNCED HERE.

FELICIANO WAS REPORTEDLY MEETING WITH OTHER COMMANDERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION WHEN A MILITARY PATROL CAUGHT HIM BY SURPRISE THIS MORNING IN HIS HOUSE IN MEJICANOS, 4 KM NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR.

ACCORDING TO THE ARMY, THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES ((WORDS INDISTINCT)) SUCH AS "KIDNAPPINGS, HOLDUPS AND OTHER SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES."

ACCORDING TO THE ARMED FORCES SPOKESMEN, NO ONE WAS CAPTURED SINCE THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT THE MEETING MANAGED TO ESCAPE.

MEANWHILE THE ARMED FORCES' PRESS OFFICE TODAY RELEASED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ON THE CLASH IN WHICH THE INTERPRETER FOR A U.S. NEWSMAN WAS KILLED AND THE NEWSMAN AND A PHOTOGRAPHER WERE INJURED.

THE ARMED CLASH OCCURRED LAST NIGHT IN SOYAPANGO, NORTH OF THE CAPITAL, AND WHEN SOME 1Ø NEWSMEN ARRIVED TO COVER THE NEWS, A SPRAY OF BULLETS HIT THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS BEFORE THEIR IDENTITIES COULD BE ESTABLISHED.

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE DEPLORES THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE PRESS PERSONNEL, REITERATING THAT THE ARMED FORCES "WILL NOT PERMIT THE PRESENCE OF NONMILITARY PERSONNEL IN ACTION BECAUSE OF THE RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES INVOLVED" AND EXHORTING NEWSMEN "NOT TO RISK THEIR LIVES."

THE COMMUNIQUE ADDS THAT FOLLOWING THE CONFRONTATION THE BODIES OF THREE UNIDENTIFIED ALLEGED GUERRILLAS WERE FOUND AT THE SITE IN ADDITION TO A 12-GAUGE SHOTGUN AND TWO FAL RIFLES. 3Ø2236
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